

**Amendment to the Claims**

Please amend claim 31, as shown below. This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 – 30. (Cancelled),

31. (Currently Amended) An electrochemical energy storage device comprising at least two electrodes, an electrolyte, and a carrier material for the electrolyte disposed between the electrodes, wherein said carrier material is a porous material having an inner pore structure in which a perfluorinated surface-active substance different from said electrolyte is present, and wherein said inner pore ~~structure~~structure consists essentially of a series of nodes interconnected by fibrils, said nodes generally aligned in parallel, being highly elongated and having an aspect ratio of 25:1 or greater.

32 – 34. (Cancelled)